

Begins Sept. 5

Plymouth Fall Festival to attract thousands

Thousands are expected to descend upon Plymouth in early September for four days of music, dancing, good-natured gluttony and gaiety during the annual Fall Festival.

The festival, which runs Sept. 5-8, has something for everyone: Japanese Yaki Tori and German sausage, high volume rock mixed with twangy Bluegrass rhythms, antiques and streamlined modern sculpture, and a frisbee throw.

THE FESTIVAL is composed of the efforts of some 42 service clubs from Plymouth and surrounding communities orchestrated into a four-day celebration.

As a non-profit, non-commercial enterprise, the festival combines aspects of a fiesta with elements of an old-fashioned country fair.

Nostalgia plays a part in the window displays of the city's shops, in

the Antique Mart and the Vintage Car Exhibit, and in the turn-of-the-century costumes worn by some of the city's men, women, and children.

The 1974 festival has its origins with a chicken barbecue sponsored by the

Catherine Jones awarded diploma

PLYMOUTH—Catherine Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Jones, 1250 Ross, Plymouth, recently graduated from Harding College, Ark.

Catherine was one of 107 students to receive a diploma, marking the largest number of summer graduates in Harding history.

local Rotary Club in 1956. The barbecue was held in one of the city's parks and drew a modest crowd of 150 persons, mostly Rotary members and their families.

In 1960 the chicken barbecue expanded into a Fall Festival and moved to larger quarters at Kellough Park in the center of town. Over the years the festival has grown into one of the largest events of its kind in Michigan drawing thousands annually.

THIS YEAR'S festival will open with a drawing from the Michigan State Lottery with prizes totaling an estimated \$380,000.

The lottery will be followed by a German Dinner, the first of six festival mass dinners. If German cuisine doesn't suit your taste, there is a fish fry on Friday night, a pancake festival on Saturday, a roast beef dinner Saturday evening, and the dean of fes-

tival dinners, the Rotary Chicken Barbecue Sunday.

Between meals, one can browse through the Antique Mart at the Plymouth Cultural Center and feel the texture of rough-hewn wood in a coloni-

al chair or view a colorful Tiffany lamp.

At the Arts and Crafts Show local artisans will be on hand to display their work and demonstrate their crafts.

ON SUNDAY, the products of Michigan's farms and gardens will be on display when the Rotary Club presents its annual Produce Exhibit and Competition.

A wide variety of entertainment is also in store. There are the martial beats of the Plymouth Marching Band and Fife and Drum Corps, the wailing sounds of a harmonica, and the precision harmony of a chorus.

Dancers will move either to the strains of a German band or the commands of a square dance caller.

The festival is the result of year-long planning under the direction of a Fall Festival Board that works hand-in-hand with community service organizations.

This year, festival board business manager Tony Flum is predicting "one of the best festivals ever" along with record crowds.

17 graduate at MSU

PLYMOUTH—Seventeen Plymouth students were awarded degrees recently in commencement exercises at Michigan State University.

Receiving master's degrees were David Hoffman of 5425 W. Ann Arbor Road and John Schroeder of 710 McKinley.

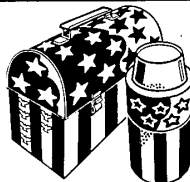
James Buike of 15670 Northville and Diane Worden of 9420 Marguerite were awarded bachelor's degrees with high honors.

Graduating with honors were Mary

Healy of 249 Blunk, Barbara Werner of 11412 Aspen, Cory Carlson of 14732 Dogwood, Robert Howell of 43816 Fox, Cynthia Johns of 15416 Northville and David Pocklington of 1167, Ross.

Also awarded bachelor's degrees were John Banas of 171 Blunk, Patricia Erdelyi of 9110 Rocker, Donald Schlie of 11786 Priscilla Lane, Sue Stringham of 4190 Brentwood, Karen Thimm of 44702 Clare, Margaret Herb of 14446 Huntington, and Michael McKee of 41318 Schoolcraft.

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